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SUBJECT: AUDIENCE WITH KING BIRENDRA

1. I SAW KING JANUARY 5 AT MY REQUEST FOR MEETING WHICH LASTED ABOUT FIFTY MINUTES. AID DIRECTOR BUTTERFIELD ACCOMPANIED ME AND ALONG WITH CHIRAN THAPA OF PALACE WAS PRESENT FOR FIRST PART OF MEETING WHICH COVERED NEPALESE AND U.S. DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

2. KING WAS RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE AND HE HAD SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS STACKED UP AFTER ME, INCLUDING BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR WHO WAS CALLING TO DISCUSS KING'S FORTHCOMING OFFICIAL VISIT TO DACCA. OUR DISCUSSION WAS THEREFORE HURRIED AND I DID NOT GET INTO SEVERAL TOPICS IN AS MUCH DEPTH AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED. HOWEVER, KING WAS GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME GOING WELL BEYOND ALLOTTED HALF HOUR AND DURING OUR MEETING WAS ATTENTIVE, RELAXED AND FORTHCOMING.

3. OUR DISCUSSIONS COVERED:
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A) US DEVELOPMENTAL PLANS, PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS ON WHICH AID DIRECTOR BUTTERFIELD BRIEFED KING AND OBTAINED KING'S COMMENTS.

B) PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA.

C) MY FORTHCOMING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

D) NARCOTICS.

E) B.P. KOIRALA'S HEALTH AND STATUS OF HIS TRIAL.

F) DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

G) VISITS OF AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN AND ADMIRAL WEISNER, CINCPAC, TO NEPAL.

4. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH KING'S COMMENT THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO VISIT OF AID ADMINISTRATOR GILLIGAN AND TO MEETING HIM. AUDIENCE WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN SURKHET IN WESTERN NEPAL WHERE KING WOULD BE PROCEEDING UPON RETURN FROM BANGLADESH TO CONTINUE HIS PERIODIC INSPECTION TRIPS TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF NEPAL.

5. TOPICS LISTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE WILL BE COVERED IN SEPTELS.
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